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SUBJECT: EC/IRAN PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT

REF EC BRUSSELS 8009

1. WE HAVE CONTACTED THE EC COMMISSION CONCERNING RECENT PRESS REPORTS SUGGESTING EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE EXPLORATORY TALKS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND TEHRAN. OUR CONTACT SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN THE SITUATION EXISTING PRIOR TO THE AUGUST RECESS. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE JULY TALKS IN BRUSSELS THE COMMISSION SUGGESTED THAT DISCUSSIONS BE RESUMED IN THE FALL IN TEHRAN. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE IRANIANS HAVE NOT YET REACTED. TEN DAYS AGO THE COMMISSION SENT AN AIDE MEMOIRE REPEATING THE SUGGESTION. AS OF 30 SEPT, THE COMMISSION STILL HAD NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE. (COREPER REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED THE EC/IRAN ISSUE LAST WEEK AND ARE EAGER TO HEAR THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE EXPLORATORY ROUNDS.)

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2. OUR CONTACT REASONS THAT THE IRANIANS ARE DELAYING THEIR

RESPONSE WHILE THEY CONSIDER WHETHER IN FACT THEY WISH TO PURSUE A DIALOGUE WITH THE COMMISSION GIVEN ITS CURRENT APPROACH (I.E. A NON-PREFERENTIAL, GSP SOLUTION, ETC.). HE FEELS IT IS MUCH MORE A POLITICAL THAN AN ECONOMIC PROBLEM FOR IRAN AS THE SHAH'S INSTRUCTIONS, THAT NOTHING SHORT OF A "PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENT" WILL SUFFICE, CONTINUE IN FORCE.

3. IN THE REFTEL WE ALLUDED TO CONVERSATIONS WITH MEMBER STATE OFFICIALS ABOUT CONTINUED UNEASINESS CONCERNING THE ABILITY OF THE MEMBER STATES TO RESIST IRAN'S PRESSURE FOR A PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENT. DENMARK AND FRANCE CONTINUE TO BE THE MAIN SUPPORTERS. CONSIDERABLE "WOBBLINESS" EXISTS AMONGST THE OTHER MEMBER STATES, HOWEVER, AND THERE IS SERIOUS QUESTION CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY'S ABILITY TO RESIST SHOULD THE IRANIANS GAIN THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF ONE OR TWO MORE OF THE LARGER MEMBER STATES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THE MISSION RENEWS ITS RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION WARRANTS A FURTHER ROUND OF DEMARCHES BY OUR EMBASSIES IN THE EC CAPITALS REITERATING OUR CONTINUING OPPOSITION TO ANY PREFERENTIAL SOLUTION TO THE ISSUE OF EC/IRANIAN RELATIONS. GREENWALD

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